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Spotlight



World Birth Defects Day is March 3, and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is observed for the entire month of March in the United States. Approximately 2,500 Indiana babies are born with birth defects each year. Join us in our effort to raise awareness of birth defects, developmental disabilities, their causes and their impact around the world! Be on the lookout for education materials.

Thank you

The past year brought many challenges for hospitals; however, the facilities listed below reported MSR on time every month throughout 2021. The IDOH GNBS program greatly appreciates it!

On Time All Year for Heel Stick and Pulse Oximetry MSRs:

- Adams Memorial Hospital
- Community Hospital Anderson
- Community Hospital East
- Community Hospital North
- Franciscan Health Mooresville
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- Goshen Health
- Hendricks Regional Health
- Indiana University Health Arnett Hospital
- Indiana University Health West Hospital
- LaPorte Hospital
- Major Hospital
- Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center
- Pulaski Memorial Hospital
- Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health
- Riverview Hospital
- Sacred Roots Birth Center



Have a backup reporter for monthly summary reports (MSRs)

The GNBS program recommends having a backup reporter to submit MSRs. Having a backup reporter enables birthing facilities and midwives to submit timely and accurate MSRs when experiencing turnover or time off. Email ISDHNBS@isdh.in.gov to gain access.

MSRs are due for all birthing facilities, birthing centers and midwives by 5 p.m. EST on the 15th of each month.

- St. Elizabeth Dearborn
- St. Mary Medical Center Hobart
- St. Vincent Carmel Hospital
- St. Vincent Kokomo
- Sullivan County Community Hospital

Important Updates

The GNBS Updates Webinar 2022

The GNBS program and newborn screening laboratory hosted a Newborn Screening Updates webinar to discuss important updates and answer any questions from our birthing facilities and midwives. If you were unable to attend, you can view the [Genomics and Newborn Screening Updates webinar](#). Please reach out to our GNBS Educator, Destinee Ward (deward@isdh.in.gov), with any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Awareness Initiatives

The coming months are packed with awareness days that represent maternal and child health. These health awareness initiatives help bring a greater understanding while also providing an opportunity to rally together to spread awareness and show support of conditions and issues that affect children. Be on the lookout for education resources provided by GNBS for some of the health awareness initiatives below!

- March 3:** World Birth Defects Day
- March:** National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
- March:** Trisomy Awareness Month
- April 11-17:** Black Maternal Health Week and Autism Awareness Month
- May:** Anencephaly Awareness Month
- May:** Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month

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